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SUBJECT: US-TURKISH RELATIONS

1. MFA SECGEN ELEKDAG TELEPHONED EMBASSY THIS MORNING ASKING FOR AMBASSADOR. AS AMBASSADOR HAD NOT ARRIVED FROM ISTANBUL, DCM TOOK CALL. ELEKDAG REFERRED TO ECEVIT INTERVIEW WITH WASHINGTON POST STRINGER IN WHICH ECEVIT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT UNITED STATES SHOULD NOT BE OVER-INVOLVED IN CYPRUS AFFAIR. ELEKDAG WAS CONCERNED ABOUT AMERICAN REACTION TO THIS STATMENT. IN ADDITION, HE WANTED AMBASSADOR TO KNOW THAT ECEVIT TALKS WITH WALDHEIM YESTERDAY HAD BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL. HE QUOTED WALDHEIM AS HAVING SAID THAT TALKS WERE "POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE", THAT HE (WALDHEIM) WAS ENCOURAGED, AND THAT HE WAS CONVINCED THAT A "NEW CYPRUS CHAPTER" WAS ABOUT TO OPEN. ELEKDAG WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE WAS CONVINCED THAT AMBASSADOR SHOULD TALK TO ECEVIT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE WAS OFFERING HIS PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL ADVICE THAT AMBASSADOR REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT IMMEDIATELY. HE DID NOT THINK AMBASSADOR SHOULD WAIT UNTIL AFTER CONCLUSION OF CONFIDENCE VOTE WHICH WOULD PROBABLY BE ANOTHER WEEK OR SO. IF AMBASSADOR SHOULD DECIDE TO REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT, ELEKDAG WOULD TRY TO ARRANGE ONE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

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2. AMBASSADOR ARRIVED IN OFFICE IMMEDIATELY AFTER PHONE CALL. WE PLAN TO TELEPHONE ELEKDAG AT END OF MORNING AND REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE ECEVIT.
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